iv) Sulabh Sauchalayas are proposed to be constructed in Bapu Dham Colony and Colony No. 5.

v) Roads in various colonies are being strengthened.

According to the information furnished by TCPO the estimated slum population of Chandigarh was 1.612 lakhs in 1991.

Vigilance Cases

3396. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of vigilance cases are pending for more than five years against officers of his Ministry:

(b) if so, the category-wise breakup thereof;

(c) whether in most cases the officers belonging to SC/ST have been falsely implicated by their colleagues and senior officer so that they are denied promotions and foreign posting; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to mitigate the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The total number of vigilance cases on-going for over five years are very few. Cases, as they come up, are not considered on the basis of categories, but on the nature and gravity of the charges.

(c) and (d) Vigilance cases are instituted on the basis of specific prima facie charges against an errant officer, in consultation with the appropriate authorities. There is no question of any category being a factor in the institution of vigilance cases. The aim of vigilance in this Ministry is to take as speedy and constructive decisions as possible, generally with the aim of reform and rehabilitation. To fulfill this aim, all efforts are made to adopt a sympathetic view so that issues are resolved with a sense of justice and fair play towards all concerned.

Smoking Trends

3397. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any country-wids survey of smoking of cigarettes/bidts trends has been carried out;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the results thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to discourage smoking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) The National Sample Survey Organisation included questions on tobacco during the 43rd Round of survey on Consumer Expenditure in 1987-88. Based on this survey, it is estimated that approximately 19.4 crore men and 4.5 women above 15 years of age consume tobacco in some form or the other in India. This was only a one time survey and hence no trend analysis is possible. However, indirect estimation suggests that there has been an increase in the tobacco use in India during the last 8 to 10 years.

(c) Under administrative instructions, tobacco smoking is prohibited in Hospitals, dispensaries and other health care establishments, educational institutions, Conference Rooms, Domestic air flights, air-conditioned chair cars and airconditioned sleeper coaches in trains, sub-urban trains and air-conditioned buses under the control of Government of India. Smoking has also been prohibited in public places and public conveyances in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. In addition the following measures have been taken to discourage consumption of Tobacco :

(i) As per the Cigarettes (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act., 1975 it is mandatory to display health warning on all cartons/packets of cigarettes.

(ii) Under the Privention of Food Adulteration Rules 1955 a warning 'Chewing' of tobacco is injurious to health is mandatory.

(iii) Direct advertisements relating to tobacco or tobacco related products are prohibited on Doordarshan.

(iv) Health Education.

[Translation]

Medical Colleges

3398. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI :
SHRI RANJIB BISWAL :
SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :
SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY :
SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Allopathic, Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani medical colleges in the country at present, separately, state-wise;

(b) the number of Allopathic, Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani medical colleges out of them being run by the Union Government and State Governments separately;